

Minutes of Meeting Op. Cert. Comm. (DOE) April 27,2005

Meeting called to order at 12:30 In Spokane at the Spokane Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Introductions: Kathleen Emmett, Supervisor DOE

Attendees: Doug Miller, Holly Fuller, Todd Carlson, Russ Glaser, Tim Pelton, Jill Parker,
And Poppy Carre

Minutes of previous meeting adopted.

Vacancies in Group 1 positions for both east and west were noted as well as one for G Group 11 for east. Poppy will post these vacancies on the website for applications from operators with the proper certifications to fill them.

Information on certification exam filings and pass/fail rate were presented by Poppy. This info covered from 2000 forward to the last exam date. Start date for multiple entry tests will be January 2005.

Questions on "Need to-know for ABC" for Group III will be reviewed at a meeting next month. The date set was May 20th in Olympia.

Evaluation form for CEU's may be on the website. Extensive discussion of specific vs relevant CEU's for next reporting period requirements ensued. 1 of 3 CEU's will be Wastewater specific at that time. The group was reminded wastewater certification number will be the only acceptable id for CEU credit after January 1, 2006.

Program Policies were discussed. They are a recommended agenda item for review in November. A request was placed for e-mail copies of the program policies and the CEU requirements be sent to committee members before the November meeting.

Russ Glaser recommended looking at reviewing an increase in fees as a means of helping fund an assistant position for certifications. A discussion of fee structure ensued with recommendations for increases; no lower fee on re-take applications was one suggestion. A roundtable was held to brain-storm ideas for application fee issues. No decisions were reached at this time. The reduced fee to retake an exam was removed beginning with the October 2005 exam. All application fees are \$50.

A letter from ABC was read; Steve Ballou, Executive Director has offered to attend our next meeting. An invitation was requested for him to attend was requested by the committee.

A short discussion about distance learning issues was held. Internet classes were also discussed and it was requested to cover these in more detail as an agenda item at the next meeting.

A short discussion followed about the Operator's newsletter. Information was given by Poppy.

The next meeting will be November 9th in Vancouver, Russ Glaser will host.
April 5th, 2006 meeting will be in Yakima – Doug Miller will host..

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM